

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: May 7, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 210, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Amber Brannigan, Emily Casper, Tom Huston, Gil Peace and Michelle Penn; (Tammy Eagle Bull and Trent Reed absent).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Zimmer, Stacey Hageman, Kellee Van Bruggen and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; Hallie Salem of Urban Development; and Matt Olberding with the Lincoln Journal Star.

Michelle Penn called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Penn called for a motion approving the minutes of the regular meetings held March 5, 2019 and April 2, 2019. Motion for approval made by Huston, seconded by Casper and carried 5-0: Brannigan, Casper, Huston, Peace and Penn voting 'yes'; Eagle Bull and Reed absent.

SARO CIDER SIDEWALK CAFÉ:

Hallie Salem stated that she has talked to the owner about a sidewalk café. This would be located within their property. East of the building is private property. They have food and serve cider and other beverages. The fact that they provide food allows them to have outdoor dining. Sidewalk cafés are usually done in the public right-of-way. It will look and operate like a sidewalk café. If this is approved, the Urban Development Dept. would recommend this for approval to the State Liquor Commission. An outdoor dining area has a lower fence, as opposed to a higher fence that is required for an outdoor beer garden.

Penn wondered if there is a door to the outside from the establishment. Salem believes there is. The Liquor Commission will review all the details.

Huston thinks this is a great idea. He would prefer to see this, as opposed to a beer garden. Zimmer noted that this location is former right-of-way.

ACTION:

Huston moved approval of the sidewalk café as proposed, seconded by Peace and carried 5-0: Brannigan, Casper, Huston, Peace and Penn voting 'yes'; Eagle Bull and Reed absent.

Peace understands that a beer garden must have a six foot fence and outdoor dining requires a lower fence. He wondered where these rules can be found. Zimmer stated that there are sidewalk café design standards. They can occur in places other than downtown. The key difference is if they are located on public or private property. Huston added that beer garden rules are for liquor licenses.

VENDOR CART:

Salem showed a proposal for a vendor cart. We want to make sure this fits in the size requirements. She believes we are generally good with what they are showing us in terms of complying with the law.

Penn remembers having a hotdog vendor cart in the past.

Salem noted that the key things with food trucks is vending from the street and safety. You also cannot bike on City sidewalks downtown. The question is if the appearance of the cart is appropriate for vending.

Brannigan questioned if there is anything similar to this that is already operating. Salem is not aware of anything similar.

ACTION:

Brannigan moved approval of the bicycle vendor cart as proposed, seconded by Huston and carried 5-0: Brannigan, Casper, Huston, Peace and Penn voting 'yes'; Eagle Bull and Reed absent.

Peace wondered if other approved vendor carts from the past are still operating. Salem stated there are a few that operate for a year or two. The hotdog carts seem to be the longest lasting. It is a challenging business.

STAFF REPORT AND MISCELLANEOUS:

* Penn stated that the Mayor's Art Awards are Thursday and she is unable to attend. She will be out of town. She is looking for someone to attend in her place. Dan and Tamara Sloan of the Mill are the award recipients. Brannigan would consider doing it if her daycare provider can stay late. Casper has a conflict with daycare as well. Huston agreed to attend this year.

* Zimmer will bring forward a neighborhood design standard appeal next month. It is a townhome with both garage doors facing the street.

* Huston read in the paper that the container houses on Vine Street are moving forward. Zimmer stated that yes, they are in motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.